

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
JULY 5, 2017**

ITEM 6

SUBJECT

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE GENERAL PERMIT FOR STORM WATER DISCHARGES FROM SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS (MS4)

DISCUSSION

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted the General Permit for Storm Water Discharges from Small MS4s (Small MS4 General Permit) on February 5, 2013. The Small MS4 General Permit directs the Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards) to develop and propose Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) specific permit requirements or revisions, supported by explanation in the Fact Sheet, for State Water Board consideration through a reopener. State Water Board staff worked closely with Regional Water Board staff and permittees to develop the proposed implementation requirements for each permittee subject to an existing TMDL.

The proposed amendment modifies the existing implementation requirements of 73 TMDLs in the current Small MS4 General Permit. Eight of the 73 TMDLs are proposed to be removed because there are no permittees subject to those TMDLs. Therefore, the amendment proposes implementation requirements for the dischargers listed within the remaining 65 TMDLs.

Modifications include the following items:

- (1) removal or addition of permittees subject to existing TMDLs,
- (2) clarification of TMDL implementation requirements,
- (3) incorporation of compliance dates, and
- (4) Fact Sheet rationale pertinent to each TMDL.

The proposed amendment also adds a due date for submission of annual reports.

The State Water Board is holding this public hearing on this matter during the public comment period to assist stakeholders in understanding the proposed amendment and for the Board to hear public comments. The State Water Board will consider adoption of this item at its December 19, 2017, Board Meeting.

POLICY ISSUE

The State Water Board will not take any action regarding the proposed amendments during this hearing.

FISCAL IMPACT

State and Regional Water Board staff work associated with, or resulting from, the proposed amendment will utilize existing and future budgeted resources.

REGIONAL WATER BOARD IMPACT

The Regional Water Board impact includes the workload associated with reviewing and approving technical reports required by the proposed amendment.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

No staff recommendation will be made at this time. The Board will receive public comment but not take any action at the hearing.

State Water Board action on this item will assist the Water Boards in reaching Goals 1 and 6 of the Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012 to narrative of goal(s). In particular, approval of this item will assist in fulfilling Objectives 1.1 and 1.2. Objective 1.1 calls for implementation of a statewide strategy to efficiently prepare, adopt, and implement TMDLs, which result in water bodies meeting water quality standards, and adopt and begin implementation of TMDLs for all 2006-listed water bodies by 2019. Objective 1.2 calls for management of urban runoff volume to reduce pollutant loadings, reduce wet weather beach postings by 75 percent by 2020, eliminate dry weather beach closures and postings by 2012 and, where applicable, explore opportunities for using management techniques to promote sustainable water supplies.